

Becker Companies

Eighty-eight year old Lawrence “ Larry” Becker, a life long Willington resident, is an American success story. He grew up during the depression and learned early not only the value, but also the necessity, of hard work and determination. During World War II, Larry served as a bomber pilot and instructor. After the war, he started his own excavation business, Becker Construction Company, in 1948. Over the years, the family business has been thoughtfully expanded into a multi-million dollar conglomerate that includes:

- Manufacturing crushed stone or aggregate (Becker Construction Company),
- Making and selling ready mix concrete and precast products (J.J. Mottes purchased in 1962),
- Buying, repairing and selling aggregate manufacturing equipment (Ace Equipment started in 1973 and Milroy and Company, LLC purchased in 2004). Larry traveled frequently to Europe and the Middle East to buy and sell equipment. Ace is now a trusted national and international seller of stone crushing equipment – some of which Larry helped design.

Larry’s daughter Diane joined the companies in 1984 and serves as General Manager. Diane’s husband, John Patton, joined the business in 1999 and now manages national and international equipment sales and the concrete company. Becker companies currently employ about 40 employees, many of whom are long term. Larry comes to the office every day and states proudly that he takes no medicinal remedies. He still gets by with hard work - although he has cut back to 12-hour days.

It should be noted that Larry served the Town as First Selectman for more than a decade (1952 – 1963).

